

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*

### *Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, South Dakota was founded with hard work, perseverance, dedication to duty, and concern for one's fellow man; and,

*Whereas*, Jim Ward began his public service by serving two years in the military; and,

*Whereas*, Jim worked as a special officer, chief deputy and sheriff of Cherry County, Nebraska, for over 20 years; and,

*Whereas*, Jim also served as the Cherry County Civil Defense Director; and,

*Whereas*, Jim was an active member of the Valentine Fire Department and was awarded an honorary lifetime membership; and,

*Whereas*, Jim began his career with the state of South Dakota, Office of Emergency Management, on January 30, 1984, holding various positions over the past 22½ years, and plans to retire from his current position as regional director on July 7, 2006, with over 45 years of public service; and,

*Whereas*, It is fitting and proper as Governor to make special note of this outstanding South Dakotan on the occasion of his retirement:

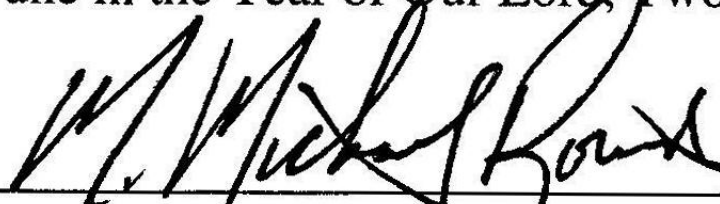
*Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim July 7, 2006, as

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in South Dakota, and I join his family, colleagues and friends in wishing him a fulfilling, healthy and happy retirement.



*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twentieth Day of June in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Six.

  
M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

  
Chris Nelson, Secretary of State